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SUBJECT: FUKUDA CABINET BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

1. FOLLOWING ARE BIO SKETCHES ON FUKUDA CABINET MEMBERS. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NONE ARE FLUENT IN ENGLISH, ALTHOUGH PM FUKUDA, KAIFU AND ISHIHARA HAVE FAIR COMPREHENSION.

2. PRIME MINISTER: TAKEO FUKUDA. SEE TOKYO 18809.

3. MINISTER OF JUSTICE: HAJIME FUKUDA (74), FUNADA FACTION. GRADUATE OF TOKYO UNIVERSITY. ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE TEN TIMES FROM FUKUI PREFECTURE. WAS REPORTER FOR NOW DEFUNCT DOMEI NEWS AGENCY; HAS SERVED AS MITI MINISTER, HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER IN TANAKA AND MIKI CABINETS AND CHAIRMAN OF LOWER-HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE. FUKUDA WAS OUTSPOKEN ADVOCATE OF MIKI OUSTER. AS MIKI'S HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER, HE PLAYED SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN POLICE ASPECTS OF LOCKHEED INVESTI-
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GATION; IN NEW ROLE HE WILL BE IN CHARGE OF PROSECUTORS. HE IS DESCRIBED AS STUBBORN, CONSERVATIVE AND TRADITIONAL. AS HE WAS ALSO CLOSE TO FORMER PRIME MINISTER TANAKA, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DOUBT HERE ABOUT HIS ENTHUSIASM IN PURSUING LOCKHEED INVESTIGATION.

4. MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS: IICHIRO HATOYAMA
(58), NO FACTION. FIRST ELECTED TO UPPER HOUSE IN 1974.
GRADUATE OF TOKYO UNIVERSITY. FORMER FINANCE MINISTRY
OFFICIAL, RISING TO LEVEL OF ADMINISTRATIVE VICE
MINISTER (1971-72).

LIKE PRIMIN FUKUDA, NEW FONMIN IS AN ECONOMIC EXPERT,
PRODUCT OF FINANCE MINISTRY'S BUREAUCRATIC ELITE.
HATOYAMA, IN BOTH FAMILY AND CAREER BACKGROUND, IS
CLEARLY MEMBER OF JAPAN'S TRADITIONAL ESTABLISHMENT.
SON OF LATE PRIMIN ICHIRO HATOYAMA, HE JOINED
FINANCE MINISTRY IN 1941 UPON GRADUATION FROM PRESTIGIOUS
TOKYO UNIVERSITY. INVOLVED IN BUDGETARY AFFAIRS THROUGH-
OUT HIS CAREER, HE ROSE TO BECOME ADMINISTRATIVE VICE
MINISTER IN 1971. FOLLOWING HIS RETIREMENT FROM CIVIL
SERVICE, HE WAS ELECTED TO HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS ON LDP
SLATE IN 1974. EARLIER THIS FALL, HE WAS APPOINTED TO
KEY PARTY POST OF LDP FINANCE BUREAU DIRECTOR. HATOYAMA
IS NOT IDENTIFIED WITH ANY LDP FACTION. HIS SON KUNIO
HATOYAMA, 28, WAS ELECTED IN RECENT LOWER HOUSE ELECTION
AS INDEPENDENT.

HATOYAMA IS DESCRIBED BY TOKYO PRESS AS MODEST AND
WITHOUT POLITICAL AMBITION. WHILE AT FINANCE MINISTRY,
HIS UNASSUMING PERSONALITY WON HIM NICKNAME "HATOCHAN" --
AN AFFECTIONATE DIMINUTIVE. LESS CHARITABLE DESCRIPTIONS
IN PRESS OF NEW FONMIN INCLUDE "COLORLESS" AND "LACKING
VITALITY." HATOYAMA READILY ADMITS HE IS "MERE LAYMAN"
IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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HATOYAMA'S APPOINTMENT IS SEEN AS INDICATION OF
INCREASED ATTENTION BY NEW GOVERNMENT TO ECONOMIC SIDE
OF JAPAN'S FOREIGN RELATIONS (SEE SEPTTEL). IN INITIAL
COMMENTS TO PRESS, HATOYAMA GAVE PRIORITY TO READJUSTMENT
OF JAPAN'S ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH OTHER WESTERN NATIONS.
HE NOTED THAT JAPAN SHOULD TAKE REFLATIONARY MEASURES
AND EXPAND DOMESTIC DEMAND TO REDUCE ITS INCREASING
TRADE SURPLUS. REMAINDER OF HIS REMARKS TO PRESS WERE
ALONG FAMILIAR, NON-CONTROVERSIAL LINES -- INCLUDING
REAFFIRMATION OF IMPORTANCE OF US-JAPAN TIES AS BASIS
OF JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY AND RESTATEMENT OF JAPAN'S
DESIRE TO MAINTAIN COOPERATIVE RELATIONS WITH BOTH PRC
AND USSR ON EQUAL BASIS. FATHER'S REPUTATION AS MAN WHO
RESTORED JAPAN-SOVIET RELATIONS HAS OCCASIONED SPECULATION
SOVIETS WILL BE HAPPY, CHINESE UNHAPPY, WITH APPOINTMENT.

5. MINISTER OF FINANCE: HIDEO BO (72), FUKUDA FACTION.
TOKYO UNIVERSITY. ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE TEN TIMES

FROM WAKAYAMA. BO WAS MAINICHI NEWSPAPER REPORTER BEFORE ENTERING POLITICS. HAS SERVED AS PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE, HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTER IN SATO CABINET AND IS CHAIRMAN OF LDP TAXATION SYSTEM STUDY COMMITTEE. BO IS AN OLD COMRADE OF PRIMIN FUKUDA AND CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH FUKUDA'S CONSERVATIVE ECONOMIC VIEWS. BO WOULD APPEAR TO BE MORE INCLINED TOWARD EXPANDED SPENDING ON PUBLIC WORKS THAN ANY MORE THAN A MINIMAL INFLATION-COMPENSATORY TAX REDUCTION AS A MEANS OF ECONOMIC STIMULATION.

6. MINISTER OF EDUCATION: TOSHIKI KAIFU (45), MIKI FACTION. GRADUATE OF WASEDA UNIVERSITY: ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE SIX TIMES FROM AICHI PREFECTURE, THIS IS FIRST CABINET POST. HAS SERVED AS PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF LABOR, CHAIRMAN OF LOWER HOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE, DEPUTY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY LDP DIET POLICY CHAIRMAN AND GENERAL BRAIN-TRUSTER UNDER MIKI. KAIFU IS ONE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THREE "SHOWA" ERA (BORN SINCE 1926). CABINET MINISTERS AND ONE OF TWO CABINET MEMBERS FROM MIKI FACTION. HE HAS BEEN MOST SUCCESSFUL AMONG YOUNGER DIET MEMBERS, HAVING SERVED IN NUMBER OF TOP PARTY AND DIET POSTS. HIS SELECTIN AS EDUCATION MINISTER IS TESTIMONY TO SKILL WITH WHICH HE HAS HANDLED FORMER ASSIGNMENTS AND LONG-STANDING INTEREST IN YOUTH AFFAIRS. HE IS PERSONABLE, ABLE LDP PUBLIC ADVOCATE, HAS GOOD CONNECTIONS WITH OPPOSITION PARTIES AND IS NOTED FOR HIS NEGOTIATING SKILLS.

7. HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTER: MICHIO WATANABE (53), NAKASONE FACTION. GRADUATE OF HITOTSUBASHI UNIVERSITY. ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE FIVE TIMES FROM TOCHIGI. HAS SERVED AS PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, DEPUTY LDP SEC GEN, AND CHAIRMAN OF LOWER HOUSE CABINET COMMITTEE. WATANABE IS DEXCRIBED AS EXPERT ON TAXATION AND AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS. HE IS MEMBER OF LDP'S RIGHTWING "SEIRANKAI," OFTEN COMING ACROSS AS SWASHBUCKLER. HE HAS INVITED CRITICISM FROM HIS SENIORS BY SUGGESTING THAT DIETMEN BE FORCED TO RETIRE AS AGE SEVENTY.

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8. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY MINISTER: ZENKO SUZUKI
(65), OHIRA FACTION. GRADUATE OF FISHERIES TRAINING
INSTITUTE OF AGMIN. ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE TWELVE TIMES
FROM IWATE PREFECTURE. SUZUKI HAS SERVED AS POST AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTER, CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY UNDER
PRIMIN IKEDA AND HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTER UNDER SATO.
FIRST CABINET POST IN TEN YEARS. SUZUKI IS LEADING
MEMBER OF OHIRA FACTION AND DIET'S LEADING EXPERT ON
FISHERIES PROBLEMS. HIS SELECTION WAS NO DOUBT DUE IN
PART TO MAJOR PROBLEMS FACING JAPAN'S FISHING INDUSTRY AS
RESULT OF IMPOSITION OF 200-MILE LIMITS. HE IS REGARDED
AS SUPERB NEGOTIATOR. SUZUKI VISITED US AS GARIOA
GRANTEE IN 1951.

9. MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY:
TATSUO TANAKA (66), FUKUDA FACTION. GRADUATE OF TOKYO
UNIVERSITY. ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE NINE TIMES FROM
YAMAGUCHI PREFECTURE. FORMER MEMBER OF UPPER HOUSE,
TANAKA ONCE WORKED FOR MANCHURIA RAILWAY AND HAS SERVED
AS GOVERNOR OF YAMAGUCHI, DEPUTY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY
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AND DIRGEN OF PRIMIN'S OFFICE UNDER SATO. TANAKA, SON
OF FORMER PRIMIN GIICHI TANAKA, IS DESCRIBED AS CLOSE
CONFIDANT OF PRIMIN FUKUDA. HE IS CLOSELY CONNECTED
WITH FORMER PRIMIN KISHI AND IS MEMBER OF LDP'S
"TAIWAN LOBBY." HE VISITED US IN 1961 WITH FORMER
PRIMIN KISHI.

10. MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION: HAJIME TAMAURA (52),
TANAKA FACTION. GRADUATE OF KEIO UNIVERSITY. ELECTED TO

LOWER HOUSE EIGHT TIMES FROM MIE PREFECTURE. HAS SERVED AS PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF LABOR, CHAIRMAN OF LOWER HOUSE CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCE COMMITTEES, AND LABOR MINISTER UNDER FORMER PRIMIN TANAKA. A RECENT ADDITION TO TANAKA FACTION, HE WAS (AT THIRTY) YOUNGEST LOWER HOUSE MEMBER WHEN HE FIRST WON ELECTION. HE IS REGARDED AS VERY OUTSPOKEN AND STRONGLY NATIONALIST.

11. MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS: JUSHIRO KOMIYAMA (49), TANAKA FACTION. GRADUATE OF WASEDA UNIVERSITY. ELECTED FIVE TIMES FROM SAITAMA PREFECTURE. FIRST CABINET POST, MEMBER OF SHOWA GENERATION. A FORMER YOMIURI REPORTER, KOMIYAMA HAS SERVED AS PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF MITI, CHAIRMAN OF LOWER HOUSE JUDICIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, AND DEPUTY SEC GEN OF LDP. KOMIYAMA INHERITED HIS FATHER'S CONSTITUENCY. PROBABLY SELECTED FOR HIS "YOUTH."

12. MINISTER OF LABOR: HIROHIDE ISHIDA (62), MIKI FACTION. GRADUATE OF WASEDA UNIVERSITY. ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE TWELVE TIMES FROM AKITA PREFECTURE. ONLY MEMBER OF LAST MIKI CABINET TO BE APPOINTED TO CABINET AGAIN. ISHIDA WAS REPORTER FOR PREDECESSOR OF JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL (NIHON KEIZAI). HAS SERVED AS CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY UNDER FORMER PRIMIN ISHIBASHI, AND AS TRANSPORTATION MINISTER IN MIKI CABINET. ISHIDA HAS LONG BEEN REGARDED AS SOMEWHAT OF A MAVERICK WITHIN LDP. AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LONG TIME CHAIRMAN OF SUPRA-PARTISAN JAPAN-USSR PARLIAMENTARIANS LEAGUE, HE HAS CLOSE TIES WITH SOVIET GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND POLITICIANS. HE ALSO FRIENDLY TO AMERICANS AND RECENTLY HAS EXPRESSED WISH TO IMPROVE TIES WITH US POLITICIANS. RECOGNIZED AS LDP'S LABOR RELATIONS EXPERT BECAUSE OF FOUR PREVIOUS TERMS AS LABOR MINISTER AND HIS EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIP WITH JAPANESE UNION LEADERS. REPORTEDLY THESE UNION TIES LED TO HIS APPOINTMENT AT THIS TIME SINCE FUKUDA IS ALREADY PREPARING TO COPE WITH RENEWED AGITATION IN FALL OF 1977 BY PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES DEMANDING RIGHT TO STRIKE.

13. MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION: SHIRO HASEGAWA (71), SHIINA FACTION. GRADUATE OF UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL. ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE ELEVEN TIMES FROM GUMMA PREFECTURE. HAS SERVED AS LDP DIET POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AGRICULTURE MINISTER UNDER PRIMIN SATO, AND VICESPEAKER OF LOWER HOUSE. AN AGRICULTURAL SPECIALIST, HASEGAWA'S APPOINTMENT IS SEEN AS REGARD FOR LONG YEARS OF SERVICE AND PAYOFF TO LDP ELDER ETSUSABURO SHIINA. HAILS FROM PRIMIN FUKUDA'S GUMMA PREFECTURE.

14. MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS: HEIJI OGAWA (66), OHIRA FACTION. GRADUATE OF TOKYO UNIVERSITY. ELECTED TEN TIMES FROM NAGANO PREFECTURE. HAS SERVED AS LOWER HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, LABOR MINISTER UNDER PRIMIN SATO, AND LDP TAXATION POLICY STUDY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. BROTHER, HEISHIRO, IS CURRENTLY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO PRC. KIICHI MIYAZAWA IS A NEPHEW. HE IS REGARDED AS OHIRA FACTION "ELDER."

15. STATE MINISTER,--CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY: SUNAO SONODA (62), FUKUDA FACTION. GRADUATE OF AMAKUSA HIGH SCHOOL. ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE TWELVE TIMES FROM KUMAMOTO PREFECTURE. HAS SERVED AS WELFARE MINISTER UNDER PRIMIN SATO, LDP DIET POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND VICE SPEAKER OF LOWER HOUSE. SONODA, ONE OF FUKUDA FACTION'S PRINCIPAL LIEUTENANTS, EARLY ADVOCATED THAT FUKUDA TAKE DECISIVE STEPS TO TOPPLE FORMER PRIMIN MIKI. SOME SAY THAT SLTHOUGH FUKUDA USES HIM, HE DOES NOT TRUST HIM BECAUSE OF SONODA'S AMBITION AND FORMER MEMBERSHIP IN KONO FACTION. SONODA IS TYPICAL OLD-FASHIONED RURAL POLITICIAN, GRUFF, DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND AND INDIRECT.

16. STATE MINISTER, DIRGEN OF PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE: AND OF OKINAWA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY: MASAAKI FUJITA (54), UPPER HOUSE, OHIRA FACTION. GRADUATE OF WASEDA UNIVERSITY. FIRST CABINET POST. ELECTED TO UPPER HOUSE TWICE FROM HIROSHIMA PREFECTURE. HAS SERVED AS PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE, CHAIRMAN OF UPPER HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, LDP DEPUTY SEC GEN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF LDP DIET POLICY COMMITTEE. FUJITA WAS IN CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE BUSINESS BEFORE ELECTION TO UPPER HOUSE. HE HAS REPUTATION AS SKILLFUL NEGOTIATOR WITH OPPOSITION PARTIES.

17. STATE MINISTER, DIRGEN ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT AGENCY: EICHI NISHIMURA (79), TANAKA FACTION. GRADUATE TOHOKU UNIVERSITY. ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE TEN TIMES FROM OITA PREFECTURE. FORMER TRANSPORT MINISTRY OFFICIAL, NISHIMURA HAS SERVED AS HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTER, CONSTRUCTION MINISTER AND DIRGEN OF NATIONAL LAND AGENCY. NISHIMURA, ELDEST MEMBER OF FUKUDA CABINET, IS NOMINAL HEAD OF FACTION OF FORMER PRIMIN TANAKA. AT SHARP VARIANCE WITH PRESUMED PREFERENCE OF ELECTORATE OFR YOUTHFULNESS. APPOINTMENT THIS TIME IS SEEN AS REWARD FOR PAST SERVICES TO PARTY AND TANAKA FACTION. HE HAS IN PAST ADVOCATED DISSOLUTION OF LDP FACTIONS.

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18. STATE MINISTER, DIRGEN OF DEFENSE AGENCY: ASAO MIHARA (67), FORMER MIZUTA FACTION. GRADUATE OF MEIJI UNIVERSITY. ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE FIVE TIMES FROM FUKUOKA PREFECTURE. VETERAN PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLYMAN, SERVED AS MINISTER OF EDUCATION IN LAST TANAKA CABINET WHICH LASTED ONLY TWENTY-NINE DAYS. HE HAS HELD SUCH PARTY POSTS AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF LDP'S DIET POLICY COMMITTEE, AND DEPUTY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY. MIHARA HAS SERVED AS PARLIAMENTARY DEFENSE VICE MINISTER AND HAS SAID HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN AWARE OF IMPORTANCE OF BEING KNOWLEDGEABLE ON DEFENSE MATTERS. MIHARA IS ONE OF MIDDLE-LEVEL POLITICIANS WHO PLAYED ROLE IN MIKI OUSTER AND HIS APPOINTMENT IS RESULT OF CABINET-POST DISTRIBUTION TO MINOR LDP FACTION MEMBER.

19. STATE MINISTER, DIRGEN ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY: TADASHI KURANARI (58), NAKASONE FACTION. GRADUATE OF TOKYO UNIVERSITY. ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE SEVEN TIMES FROM NAGASAKI PREFECTURE. FORMER LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, KURANARI SERVED AS EPA DIRGEN IN TANAKA
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CABINET, CHAIRMAN OF LOWER HOUSE LABOR COMMITTEE, AND VARIOUS PARTY POSTS. KURANARI IS DESCRIBED AS EXPERT IN AGRICULTURAL POLICY, PUBLIC FINANCE AND TAXATION. HIS CABINET EXPERIENCE IS SCANTY, HOWEVER, HAVING SERVED IN TANAKA'S SHORT-LIVED LAST CABINET.

20. STATE MINISTER, DIRGEN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY, CHAIRMAN OF ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION: SOSUKE UNO (54), NAKASONE FACTION. GRADUATE OF HIKONE HIGHER COMMERCIAL SCHOOL. ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE SIX TIMES FROM SHIGA PREFECTURE. A FORMER PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLYMAN, UNO SERVED AS DIRGEN OF DEFENSE AGENCY IN LAST TANAKA CABINET. HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS LDP DIET POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. HE IS DESCRIBED AS AN ELOQUENT SPEAKER AND EXPERT ON TAX POLICY AND FISCAL AFFAIRS.

21. STATE MINISTER, DIRGEN ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY: SHINTARO ISHIHARA (44), NO FACTION. GRADUATE OF HITOTSUBASHI UNIVERSITY. FIRST CABINET POST, MEMBER OF "SHOWA" GENERATION. ELECTED ONCE TO UPPER HOUSE AND TWICE TO LOWER HOUSE FROM TOKYO. A FAMOUS NOVELIST, ISHIHARA WON ELECTION TO UPPER HOUSE IN 1968 BY BIGGEST TOTAL EVER. HE SWITCHED TO LOWER HOUSE IN 1972, BUT RESIGNED IN 1975 TO RUN UNSUCCESSFULLY FOR TOKYO GOVERNORSHIP. ISHIHARA WAS PROTEGE OF LATE PRIMUM SATO AND IS CLOSE TO RIMIN FUKUDA. HE IS MEMBER OF LDP'S RIGHTWING "SEIRANKAI," AND A SOMETIME ADVOCATE OF NUCLEAR ARMAMENT. ISHIHARA IS BY ANY MEASURE ONE OF JAPAN'S MOST ATTRACTIVE POLITICIANS AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO ATTACK HIS FIRST CABINET POST WITH ENTHUSIASM AND INTELLIGENCE. HE HAS TRAVELLED TO US OFTEN, FREQUENTLY ENTERING HIS FORTY-SIX FOOT SAILING YACHT IN US RACES.

2. STATE MINISTER, DIRGEN NATIONAL LAND AGENCY: EICHIRO TAZAWA (58), OHIRA FACTION. GRADUATE OF WASEDA UNIVERSITY. ELECTED TO LOWER HOUSE SIX TIMES FROM AOMORI LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREFECTURE. FIRST CABINET POST. FORMER SPEAKER OF PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY, TAZAWA HAS SERVED AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF LOWER HOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE HE IS DESCRIBED AS HAVING HAD LITTLE EXPERIENCE IN POLICY-MAKING, BUT EXPERIENCED IN DIET AFFAIRS. SHORSMITH

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